

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

Minutes of the Non-Motorized Trails Committee Meeting May 24, 2022

1. Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM by Anne Small
2. Roll call: present were Jimmy Vogel, Jim Swenson, Bob Schell, Penny McCormick, and Anne Small. Also present were Terry Duke and Jeanna Vogel.
3. Open meeting verification: Anne Small posted meeting agenda before 5:30 PM, on May 23, 2022.
4. Read and approve minutes of last regular meeting: Bob Schell made motion to approve minutes of the May 11th meeting, Jimmy Vogel seconds. Motion carries.
5. Citizen Concerns - none
6. Forest Management Plan for Fern Ridge and Awassa – Committee discussed reasoning for choosing the “No Management” option from the forest stewardship plan presented by forester, Jill Nemec, in 2020. Anne Small proposed adding a page to the plan which indicates reasoning behind choice. Jimmy Vogel said he would like to see the addition of monitoring the sites on a biannual basis for forest health, disease, invasive species, and trees that pose a danger to trail users. Bob Schell made motion to approve this plan with the additions given by Jimmy Vogel. Jim Swenson seconded. Motion carried. Jim Swenson to put this on the agenda for full town board for their approval.
7. Applying for trails grant from St Germain Chamber: Committee agreed that they would like to go forward with applying for the grant to help fund a shelter (approximately 24'x30'x9') for the Fern Ridge site, possibly with a pit toilet. Anne Small will contact Dan Jacoby at the DNR to get an idea of cost for a pit toilet. Jimmy Vogel to look into estimated cost for the shelter. Jimmy Vogel to request a meeting with Phyllis from the St Germain Chamber of Commerce to clear up some of the questions committee has regarding the grant.
8. Future plans and ideas for Fern Ridge Recreation Area- this was covered under item 7.
9. Other ideas/input from committee – Penny McCormick noted that there was a sign post that had fallen over along the Awassa Trails at intersection of yellow and green loops. Anne Small to replace with new post.
10. Next committee meeting scheduled for June 6, 2022, at 5:30 PM
11. Meeting adjourned by Anne Small at 7:13 PM